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Helena. Smallpox prevails in the counties of Cross and Chicot, as reported, and probably in many other localities unknown and uncared for.

Smallpox at Gulfport, Miss.

Surgeon Smith transmits, January 20, the following report from Acting Assistant Surgeon Sheely, at Gulfport:

"I have the honor to report to you 2 cases of smallpox, one in a white boy of 17, and the other a negro—two foci. I am isolating, and will begin general vaccination as soon as I can obtain vaccine, as there have been quite a number of exposures.

"Other health conditions are excellent."

Detention of steamship Vaderland at Ellis Island on account of deaths which occurred en route.

NEW YORK, January 26, 1905.

Surgeon-General WYMAN,
Washington:

Steamship *Vaderland* and all steerage passengers detained at Ellis Island, except a few landed, were to-day returned to quarantine per request Doctor Doty, on account 11 deaths occurring on voyage.

G. W. STONER.

INSPECTION SERVICE, MEXICAN BORDER.

Inspection at Eagle Pass, Tex.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Hume reports as follows:

| | Week ended Jan. 21. |
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| Persons inspected on trains | 136 |
| Persons held | 0 |
| Pullman cars fumigated | 7 |

Bags of Pullman linen disinfected, 16; persons inspected on footbridge, 3,413.

Inspection at El Paso, Tex.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Alexander reports as follows:

Week ended January 21, 1905: Inspection Mexican Central passengers, 215; inspection Mexican immigrants, 97; inspection Spanish immigrants, 2; inspection special Pullman passengers and servants, 14 persons; inspection certificate of cause of death of corpses transferred into the United States, 2; disinfection of soiled linen imported, 319 pieces; vaccinations of adults and children, 3.

Inspection at Laredo, Tex.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Hamilton reports, through Acting Assistant Surgeon Frick, as follows:

Week ended January 21, 1905: Passenger trains from Mexico inspected, 14; persons on passenger trains from Mexico inspected, 503;

immigrants on passenger trains from Mexico inspected, 25; immigrants and indigent persons from Mexico vaccinated, 17; Pullman coaches from Mexico disinfected upon entry, 16; private coach from Mexico disinfected upon entry, 1; soiled Pullman linen from Mexico, pieces disinfected, 9,316; certificate of 1 corpse from Mexico inspected and passed.

Inspection at Nogales, Ariz.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Gustetter reports as follows:

Week ended January 21, 1905: Passengers inspected, 175; immigrants inspected, 49; certificates accompanying dead bodies inspected, 4.

Statistical reports of States and cities of the United States, yearly and monthly.

CALIFORNIA—*Oakland*.—Month of November, 1904. Estimated population, 83,000. Total number of deaths 88, including enteric fever 2, and 8 from tuberculosis.

The health bulletin for December states:

The closing month of the year 1904 is remarkable in its record of scarlet fever, it being the first month since September, 1898, in which no cases of scarlet fever have been reported. The city is now freer from the two most severe contagious diseases of childhood, diphtheria and scarlet fever, than is usually the case. It is not to be hoped, however, that this happy condition will continue long, for the opening of the schools is always the signal for an increase in the contagious diseases. With the school children assembling under such favorable circumstances, it is unfortunate that the proposed medical inspection is not already organized so as to eliminate immediately the first few cases, and thus prevent the spread of sickness and of death among the children.

INDIANA—*Evansville*.—Month of November, 1904. Estimated population, 70,000. Total number of deaths 57, including diphtheria 6, enteric fever 3, and 3 from tuberculosis.

Month of December, 1904. Total number of deaths 60, including diphtheria 3, enteric fever 6, and 8 from tuberculosis.

MARYLAND—*Baltimore*.—Month of December, 1904. Estimated population 541,000—white 457,000, colored 84,000. Total number of deaths 866—white 657, colored 209—including diphtheria 6, enteric fever 27, measles 1, scarlet fever 12, and 97 from tuberculosis.

NEW YORK—*Buffalo*.—Month of December, 1904. Estimated population, 400,000. Total number of deaths 502, including diphtheria 13, enteric fever 10, measles 12, whooping cough 1, and 42 from tuberculosis.

TENNESSEE—*Chattanooga*.—Month of December, 1904. Estimated population, 40,000—white 27,000, colored 13,000. Total number of deaths 45—white 24, colored 21—including enteric fever 2, whooping cough 1, and 3 from tuberculosis.